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From
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To *M. C.* in **L O N D O N.**

Discovering the taking of

Sr. Thomas Armstrong

With the narrow Escape of

My Lord *Gray* and Mr. *Eerguson* at

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H O L L A N D.

WE live in an Age not over prone to admire and take notice of any Instances of Divine Providence either in our Preservation from dangers, our Deliverance out of them, or our falling into them, for so great is the security of some Men that they are unwilling to apprehend any danger till they fall into it, and if they escape for a time will hardly believe that they were ever in it.

Such is the Case of this ungrateful Rebel, an Arch Traytor, *Sir Tho. Armstrong*, who having escaped the hands of Justice for a time thought himself secure, but the hand of Providence that has in Mercy protected our most Gracious Sovereign from all Wicked Devices, hath at last in Justice lay'd hold on this desperate Renegade, and will in time bring him to just and Exemplary Punishment.

The nature and manner of his being taken, being then my self at *Leydon* the same day, I will Discover as short as I can.

Sir Thomas Armstrong with the Lord *Grey* and Mr. *Ferguson* having lain some Months at *Berlin* & being suspected upon the account of their Privacy, we had notice sent by *Juan van Farrenberg*, at whose House they then lay, of some suspected Persons, *English*
Men

Men, that had lain in his House for some time by the name of Bowman, Bethel and Jekiel.

Mr. Chudly, his Majesties Envoy at *Amsterdam*, having notice thereof made his Application to the States for a Warrant to seize them which was granted, but before they got to *Berlin* (whether they had private Information or their Fears suggested) they were remov'd, and got to *Bremond*, there they stayed a while, and might have stayed longer had not their zeal or curiosity to see the Duke of *Monmouth* in *Brussels*, engaged them to take a Pilgrimage into *Flanders*.

After this they came to *Amsterdam*, where having supply'd themselves with Trowling Money (for the Bully at this time had thrown away his false Dice) they went to *Leyden* which is 12 miles from *Amsterdam*.

Here they had not been 3 days when the Envoy having again notice of it procur'd a Warrant for the securing of them. Whither they had any Information, or suspected any thing, the Lord Grey and *Ferguson* made their escapes. But Sir *Thomas Armstrong* resolving to Dye upon the spot before he was taken adventured to stay longer.

The Persons sent to seize him, being so Commanded by the Envoy, were resolved to take him if possible alive. For which Cause they made no attempt upon his Lodging, but having notice, he was to go by Water, they posted themselves for his Reception at the place where he was to take Boat. Where after they had waited 4 days, at last they spied him coming, who was no sooner in the Boat but 4 of them leapt in after him and the rest in another Boat so secur'd him that he cou'd neither do them nor himself any prejudice, though he several times declar'd he wou'd sonner be kill'd then taken, drew out his Knife to Stab himself, and attempted several times to throw himself over Board.

Having thus secured and prevented him from doing any mischief to himself, they soon made to *Rotterdam*, where one of his Majesties Yats was ready to receive them. On Board of which he is now coming to *London* fast bound in Chains for fear of doing Violence to himself, where you may expect him in a short time, and it is expected the Lord Grey and *Ferguson* will follow in a few days after, they being now in close search of them.

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